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1. A large airfield with concrete runways more than 6,600 feet long and three large hangars was located west of KALININ (35°55'E/56°52'N). An air force barracks with large three- and four-story brick buildings was located immediately beside the airfield.
2. About 100 aircraft were stationed at the field. Twin-engine bombers of US make (Boeing 1945), used as trainers, were parked on the airfield border. They were [REDACTED] flying individually or in formations of 27 to 30 planes. Single-engine fighters practiced diving, approach of targets, and firing at air targets.
3. Jet-propelled aircraft with one power plant were also parked at the airfield. They were [REDACTED] flying in formations of not more than four. Description: Light blue paint, air inlet and equally large air exit hole at front and rear of the bottom of cockpit, no propeller, high-pitched noise of engine in flight, considerably faster than conventional engine-powered planes. Jet-propelled aircraft were also [REDACTED] doing acrobatics; one plane crashed in mid-March 1949.
4. A helicopter, its shape resembling the Fieseler Storch except for the propeller, was [REDACTED] over the field in March 1949.
5. There was intensive day and night flying. Six to eight searchlights were [REDACTED] at night.

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that there were hangars and newly-built cantonment buildings at the field, which was occupied by about 120 aircraft (including four-engine bombers of US make) and about 1,500 men in the fall of 1947.

b. The following is inferred from reports received on the KALININ airfields:

(1) A pilot school for bomber and fighter pilots is located at the field west of KALININ. Bomber pilot training includes formation and night flying with twin-engine and sometimes four-engine planes. Fighter pilots are trained in formation and combat flying. Some are also converted to jet-propelled aircraft. The pilot school has 100 to 150 aircraft, including U-2s, twin-engine and some four-engine bombers, single-engine fighters, and jet-fighters (probably Yak-15s).

(2) Primary flight training with U-2s is conducted at the airfield south of KALININ. The unit stationed there probably is assigned to the pilot school at the western airfield.

(3) The airfield north of KALININ is believed to be a DCSAV training field.

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